# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

EDWARD McCLENDON, a minor, by his	)
Mother and guardian, JUWAN WILSON, and	)
COLLIN McCLENDON,	)
Plaintiffs,	) No. 08 CV 2866
vs.	)
	) Judge St. Eve
CITY OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS, and	)
CHICAGO HEIGHTS POLICE OFFICER	) Magistrate Judge Cole
KIRBY and other unknown and unnamed	)
Officer,	)
Defendants.	)

# **ANSWER TO COMPLAINT**

NOW COMES the Defendant, CITY OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS, by and through its attorney, ANTHONY C. SCREMENTI of the Law Firm of CIFELLI, SCREMENTI, CIFELLI & SPINA, LTD., and in Answer to Plaintiffs' Complaint, states as follows:

### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. The Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 1.
- 2. The Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 2.

### **PARTIES**

- 3. The Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 3.
- 4. The Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 4.
- 5. The Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 5.
- 6. The Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 6.

### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 7. The Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 7.
- 8. The Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 8.
- 9. The Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 9.
- 10. The Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 10.
- 11. The Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 11.
- 12. The Defendant, KIRBY, is unknown to this Defendant and, therefore, the Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 12.
- 13. The Defendant, KIRBY, is unknown to this Defendant and, therefore, the Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 13.

- 14. The Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 14.
- 15. The Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 15.
- 16. The Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 16.

### **COUNT I – UNREASONABLE SEIZURE**

- 17. That the Defendant herein repeats and realleges its Answers to paragraphs 1 through 16 above as its Answers to paragraphs 1 through 16 of this Count I, as though fully set forth.
- 18. The Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 18.
- 19. The Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 19.

## **COUNT II – EXCESSIVE FORCE**

- 20. That the Defendant herein repeats and realleges its Answers to paragraphs 1 through 16 above as its Answers to paragraphs 1 through 16 of this Count II, as though fully set forth.
- 21. The Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 21.
- 22. The Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 22.
- 23. The Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 23.
- 24. The Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 24.

### **COUNT III – BATTERY**

- 25. That the Defendant herein repeats and realleges its Answers to paragraphs 1 through 16 above as its Answers to paragraphs 1 through 16 of this Count III, as though fully set forth.
- 26. The Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 26.
- 27. The Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 27.
- 28. The Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 28.
- 29. The Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 29.

### **COUNT IV – FALSE IMPRISONMENT**

- 30. That the Defendant herein repeats and realleges its Answers to paragraphs 1 through 16 above as its Answers to paragraphs 1 through 16 of this Count IV, as though fully set forth.
- 31. The Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 31.
- 32. The Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 32.
- 33. The Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 33.

WHEREFORE, the Defendant, CITY OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS, prays that the relief sought in the Plaintiffs' Complaint be denied.

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